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LETTER DATED 14 SEPTEMBER 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to forward to you, as an annex of the present letter, a letter addressed to the President of the United Nations Security Council dated 14 September 1996, from Dr. Halid Genjac, President of the Main Board of the Party of Democratic Action (Stranka Demokratske Akcije (SDA)), regarding the elections held today in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and specifically in the Republika Srpska entity of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I would be grateful for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter and its annex as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative
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Annex

Letter dated 14 September 1996 from the President of the Main Board of the Party of Democratic Action addressed to the President of the Security Council

The Party of Democratic Action has in good faith both promoted the conditions for "free and fair" elections and participated in the electoral process culminating in the vote today, 14 September 1996. Even before the results of the vote are known, unfortunately, it is clear that in many parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina, specifically the Serb entity, the necessary conditions did not exist to provide for free and fair elections under either the criteria established by the Dayton/Paris Agreement or even marginal standards of democracy.

The international community, in particular the sponsors of the Dayton/Paris Agreement, had committed that the necessary conditions would exist at least by the date of the elections. This also unfortunately has not been achieved by today, 14 September 1996. In fact, the lack of the necessary general conditions has been compounded by the new evidence of technical irregularities that has developed or come to light at the electional polls. These irregularities and the lack of the necessary conditions for free and fair elections have flawed the vote.

For the above reasons, the Party of Democratic Action deems the results of elections in the Serb entity to be legally invalid. We request that the above-mentioned matters and related evidence be reviewed in the proper forums, including the Security Council.

We have requested meetings with Minister Cotti, Ambassador Froewick and Mr. van Thijn to voice and present the further specifics of our concerns. We will also forward information and our request for appropriate consideration to the United Nations Security Council and other appropriate regional and international organizations.

(Signed) Halid GENJAC
President of the Main Board